

Request EPA-HQ-2020-003323 is modified as follows:

My name is Keith O'Brien. I'm a journalist and a bestselling author whose work has appeared in the New York Times Magazine and on National Public Radio. My most recent book, called Fly Girls, came out in 2018. It tells the forgotten story of female pilots fighting for the right to fly and race airplanes in the 1920s and '30s. It is a New York Times bestseller and was named one of the Times' 100 Notable Books of 2018. You can learn more at www.flygirlsbook.com. I'm currently working on a new book about the Love Canal environmental crisis in the 1970s, to be published by Knopf. Under the Freedom of Information Act, I want to request the following documents related to this topic:

- any and all letters, memos, reports, surveys, scientific studies, or meeting minutes from EPA Region 2 staff concerning Love Canal or Hooker Chemical written between June 1976 and Jan. 1, 1981, including but not limited to communication by Eric Outwater, Bill Librizzi, Dick Dewling, or Eckhardt "Chris" Beck.
- any and all letters, memos, reports, surveys, scientific studies, received by EPA Region 2 staff concerning Love Canal or Hooker Chemical written between June 1976 and Jan. 1, 1981. I'm specifically interested in any communication from the NY Department of Health or DEC during this time, including health commissioners Robert Whalen and David Axelrod and their staff.
- any and all letters, memos, reports, surveys, scientific studies, received by EPA Region 2 staff concerning pollution from the chemical Mirex in 1975 or 1976.
- any and letters, memos, or other communications written by -- or received by -- deputy EPA administrator Barbara Blum between March 1977 and Jan. 1, 1981, about Love Canal specifically or chemical dumps/landfills in general.
- any and letters, memos, or other communications written by -- or received by -- EPA director Doug Costle between March 1977 and Jan. 1, 1981, about Love Canal specifically or chemical dumps/landfills in general.
- any reports from EPA Region 2 staff about Love Canal written between June 1976 and Jan. 1, 1981, including survey data, environmental monitoring reports, letters, memos, or meeting minutes and other communication from the Region 2 office.
- any scientific data collected by the EPA, or reported to the EPA, about the problems at Love Canal between the spring of 1976 and Jan. 1, 1981. - any scientific data collected by the EPA, or reported to the EPA, about the problems caused by a chemical called Mirex in 1975 or 1976.
- any and letters, memos, or other communications written about the

passage of "superfund" environmental legislation, later known as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act or "Superfund," between March 1977 and Jan. 1, 1981.

Thanks for your help. I will look forward to hearing from you. Keith